Upgradation of Airports

[English]

835. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:
SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY:
SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to expand terminal facilities and other infrastructure at all the airports in the country to meet the growing demands of passengers and cargo traffic;

(b) if so, the total allocation made and the airports which will be upgraded during 1991-92; and

(c) the extent to which the demands of the Passengers would be met?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Expansion of terminal and other infrastructural facilities at all the airports is a continuing process and is taken up in a phased manner, depending upon the requirements projected by the operators (Airlines) as well as availability of resources.

(c) The details are as under:-

(i) Extension of Runway and construction of new international block at Ahmedabad Airport.

(ii) Extension of Runway at Bhopal.

(iii) Extension of Runway and construction of new terminal building at Coimbatore Airport.

(iv) Construction of new Civil Air terminal complex at Gwalior. These works are expected to be completed during 1991-92.

(d) Upgradation of these facilities at the above mentioned airports would make it possible for the bigger and modern aircrafts to operate.

Increase in Vayudoot Fares

836. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:
SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKRA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the Vayudoot fares in a bid to reduce losses;

(b) if so, the extent to which the fare increase is justified;

(c) the main causes for the losses in the Vayudoot ; and

(d) the corrective steps taken by the Government to make the Vayudoot viable?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The main reasons for the losses in Vayudoot are due to:-

1. Uneconomic aircraft

2. short-haul operations

3. unremunerative fare structure

4. excess manpower

(d) Government is considering various options regarding the future set up of Vayudoot. No final decision has yet been taken in the matter.

Change of name of Calcutta Airport

837. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received proposals for changing the name of Calcutta Airport; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a)Yes, Sir.

(b) The West Bengal Government and various Organisations have represented to rename the Calcutta Airport as Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Airport. The Government have decided to rename the Calcutta Airport as Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport. However, formal renaming function will be held only after the facilities at the Airport are raised to International standards.

Tourism Development in Andhra Pradesh

838. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY:Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has acquired the land of the Nizam Palace;

(b) whether the State Government has submitted any proposal to convert it into a tourist complex; and

(c) if so, the action taken by the Union Government in this regard and the financial assistance to be provided for making it an attraction for foreign tourists?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). No information has been received by the Central Department of Tourism regarding this nor any proposal to convert this area into a tourist complex has been submitted by the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(c) Does not arise.

Medical Facilities to Earthquake Victims

839. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people killed and injured by the recent earthquake; and

(b) the details of the steps taken by the Union Government to provide medical facilities and other allied amenities to the victims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K.THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) (i) Number of people Killed : 768

(ii) Number of People injured : 5066

(b) Ten packets consisting of medical equipments (as indicated in the attached statement II received as gift items from the W.H.O. were sent to the Government of Uttar Pradesh for use in the earthquake affected areas. In addition, two gift packets